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 Average wages in <u>Ecuador</u>, which vary greatly from area to area, are stated in sucres as follows:

Farm labor - two to five sucres per day, plus land use allowances. Construction labor - 10 to 20 sucres per day.

Good cook in Quito - 300 sucres per month.

Truck driver - 10 to 20 sucres per day.

Carpenter - 20 to 30 sucres per day. (All eight-hour shifts.)

- 4. Payroll extras consist of the following: (1) 6% of payroll to the Caga del Seguro (Federal Insurance Fund) credited to the account of the individual workman; (2) one month's salary per year credited to the account of the individual workman; (3) 7% of the annual enterprise net profit to be divided proportionately among the workmen.
- 5. There follow figures on daily wages in Costa Rica.

Farm labor 6.80 colones per 8-hour day on the Meseta Central 13.60 " " " " in the coastal banana area

Common labor 8.80 to 9.60 colones per day

Truck drivers 12.40
Carpenter 14.40

6. The following are payroll extras:

Health and life insurance 3 to 5% Industrial accident insurance Overtime pay $1\frac{1}{2}$ times for over eight hours worked in day time, for over six hours worked at night, or for over a 48-hour week.

Holiday pay is twice normal pay, which is paid for work on the 15 holidays granted per year. Severance pay for six months' work is 10 days' pay; for six to 12 months' work, 20 days' pay; for over 12 months, one month's pay for each year worked, up to eight months.

Paid vacations

2 weeks per year

7. There is no minimum-wage law in <u>Honduras</u>, but salaries have recently been increased as a result of the settlement of the nine-week United Fruit Company strike. Following are typical wages in lempiras per day with the fruit companies paying the highest wages:

Common labor L 0 50 to L 2.04 per day Carpenters L 1 to L 4 per day Electricians L 2 to L 6 per day

The normal work week is 48 hours; that is, six days at eight hours each. There is no overtime law, but double time is paid for work on the 15 annual holidays. There are no Social Security payments, no Industrial Accident payments, and no annual paid vacations.

8. El Salvador: Following are typical wage scales in colons per day for an eight-hour day and 44-hour week:

As can be seen, the salaries are extremely low. The Government recognizes the latent power of the large non-land-holding working class and has recently passed social legislation in the form of the following payroll extras:

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1. On day shift overtime is paid at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times for over eight hours and less than 10 hours per day, or over 44 hours per week. Two times base pay is paid for over 10 hours per day.

2. The night shift receives 25% more than the day shift for a seven-

hour day and is paid for double time over seven hours.

3. All Sundays and nine national holidays are paid at $1\frac{1}{2}$ times base rate.

4. A Christmas bonus is paid at the rate of seven days minimum and 14 days maximum, depending on length of service.

5. Paid vacations: After one year of service, office workers are given 15 days' vacation; and workmen, 10 days' paid vacation.

6. Termination pay is given at the following rate: After three months' work, 15 days' pay; three to 12 months, 30 days; one to five years, 90 days; over five years, 90 days for each five years or fraction thereof.

7. There are no payments into an Industrial Accident Fund; however, when work is missed due to an industrial accident, the employer must meet the medical and hospitalization expenses and must pay employee one-half time until return to work. In addition there is a legal schedule of payment for loss of life or loss of parts of the body.

 In general it may be stated that <u>British Honduras</u>' native labor is quite poor and non-productive. Wage scale is given in brief as follows in British Honduras dollars for an eight-hour day.

Type of Work	Amount			
Farm Labor	\$1.25 to \$2.00			
Forest Labor	\$2.50			
Truck Drivers	\$3.00 to \$4.00			
Carpenters	\$2.50 to \$5.00			

A great deal of the work in the logging areas is done by piece work. There is no formalized system of social security, overtime pay, nor industrial accident compensation. Individual accident cases appear to be adjusted on their individual merit by the Labor Department. Several death benefits were noted at \$1,250 British Honduras money and one permanent incapacity was paid - \$525.00.

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